

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An self-expanding frame is mounted on the distal end of a shaft. The frame is sized and configured so that it can be inserted into the cavity of an aneurysm. Suction is applied to the interior of the aneurysm through the shaft or through another catheter, and the wall of the aneurysm is collapsed onto the exterior surface of the frame. The frame is then collapsed upon further suction being applied to the interior of the aneurysm, which collapses the aneurysm wall with it. The frame folds down on itself, carrying with it the aneurysm wall. The frame is detachable from the shaft and can be left in the collapsed aneurysm.

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